

Music development plan summary: Brinkworth Earl Danby's

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Maria Pocock
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	GSW Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Oak	My Musical Heartbeat 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Dance, Sing and Play! 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Glockenspiel Stage 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Learning to Listen 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Having Fun with Improvisation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Let's Perform Together! 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Elm	Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Blown Away Recorder Book 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Inventing a Musical Story 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Recognising Different Sounds 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Exploring Improvisation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Our Big Concert 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Birch	Writing Music Down 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Glockenspiel Stage 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Compose Using Your Imagination 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Uke Suggested Pathway 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Expression and Improvisation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	The Show Must Go On! 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Rowan	Musical Structures 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Uke Flexible Pathway 1 2 3 4 5	Compose with Your Friends 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Blown Away Recorder Book 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Composing and Chords 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Freedom to Improvise 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Willow	Melody and Harmony in Music 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Sing and Play in Different Styles 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Music and Technology 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Musical Styles Connect Us 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Creative Composition 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Hip Hop 1

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This is our school curriculum for the year 2024-2025. Music is taught by the class teacher for one hour each week. We use a scheme of work called Charanga, which develops the children's musical education in a spiral pattern so that a depth of knowledge and understanding may be achieved for each child over time.

We teach non-tuned instrument lessons from year 1 in Oak class and this is developed and increased with the addition of recorder lessons in Elm class. In Birch class the children build upon their glockenspiel foundations and are then introduced to tuned instruments in the ukulele lessons. Rowan class builds on the ukulele and recorder skills already gained, and then in Willow the children focus on music and technology.

This scheme has been created by Brinkworth Earl Danby's and is informed by the Model Music Curriculum, which is non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

To complement this, we have a weekly 20 minute teacher led singing worship and each year we will be celebrating World Music Day with a whole school day focused on varying music related ideas. In 2023 the theme was 'How does music make us feel?'

Our music lead works closely with other schools in the area and our local music hub to find other musical opportunities for our school. During the last few years, children have attended Djembe drumming classes, an Opera Magic workshop and a music movement workshop to name but a few.

We are a fully inclusive school, and ensure that provisions are considered during the planning process and are in place so that all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, are supported so that they can access the music curriculum. Examples of this may be the use of ear defenders if the student struggles with loud noises, or extra adult support if needed.

Please see our school SEND guidance for further information.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Brinkworth Earl Danby's works with local music providers to offer the following one-to-one and small group peripatetic lessons:

Piano

Drums

Ukelele

Guitar

Brass instruments (cornet & trumpet)

This tuition is charged but special provisions may be made in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility)

Piano and guitar lessons are available at Lower Site and all the instruments named above are available for tuition at Upper Site.

This complements the instruments we learn and play in lessons as a whole class as children journey through the school:

Glockenspiels and other un-tuned percussion instruments

Recorders

Ukeleles

We also work closely with our local music hub to share information and experiences and gain ideas for how we can keep improving our musical offering at Brinkworth Earl Danby's.

Part C: Musical experiences

The children have a singing-focused assembly each week led by teachers where songs are learned and practiced.

The musical experiences shared by the children in the last couple of years have included (but are not limited to) an Opera Magic workshop, a djembe drumming session, an electric guitarist, and movement to music session. We often link with other local schools in our music hub to 'share' the experiences with each other.

We also attend a local theatre performance as a whole school each Christmas.

In 2024 we held our first off-curriculum World music Day celebration which incorporated performing, art, writing, movement and discussion on how music makes us feel and what a world without music would look like.

It is our intention that this will become a whole-school yearly event.

Once a year, each class takes responsibility for hosting a class worship. This is attended by parents and carers and generally features music and reading. The year 6 children perform an end of term play in term 6 and Lower Site children perform a nativity each Christmas, with each class taking part and performing at least one song.

We take Willow children to a local nursing home each year to sing for the residents and hold a Carols around the Christmas Tree event at our local church. The choir also participate in carol services held at the St James The Great church in Dauntsey and St Michaels & All Angels church in Brinkworth.

Our aim at Brinkworth Earl Danby's is to expose all of our children to as many musical experiences as possible during their time with us. We aim to provide the majority of these at no cost to parents and carers but due to transport costs we do sometimes have to ask for contributions. Pupils that are eligible for pupil premium may have assistance with these costs.

It is also our aim that these experiences are accessible by our SEND children so that all children can experience a breadth of musical encounters.

In the future

It is our goal that by the time children leave our school in year 6 they will have been exposed to numerous musical genres, performances and instruments and will feel a confidence around the subject and discussion of music.

All children should feel confident that when listening to music they can reflect on it, discuss it and understand that not everyone likes or enjoys the same genres of music, and that that is ok.

It is our hope that they will have open minds to the different musical styles found in the world and not restrict themselves into liking only one specific style but can appreciate numerous others.

We also wish for our children to leave us with the confidence and knowledge to play untuned instruments (as regularly practised in our recorder and glockenspiel sessions) and be able to have a go at tuned instruments, using the knowledge and skills they have gained in our ukulele lessons.

Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.